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SUBJECT: WISS REPORT ON SIERRA LEONE INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES

REF: FREETOWN 1433

1. OPIC HAS CLASSIFIED PAGE 19A OF WISS REPORT ON INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES CONFIDENTIAL GDS. PLEASE SO MARK YOUR COPY. ALL OTHER COPIES HAVE BEEN SO MARKED. WISS REPORT WAS DRAFTED FOR INTERNAL OPIC MANAGEMENT USE TO DETERMINE WHICH SIERRA LEONE PROJECTS HAVE MERIT. DISCRETION SHOULD BE USED IN DISSEMINATING UNCLASSIFIED PORTIONS TO PERSONS OUTSIDE THE EMBASSY.

2. BUREAU OF MINES OF U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR HAS SUPPLIED OPIC WITH INFORMATION WITH REGARD TO OLD CHROMIUM MINE, WHICH IS BEING POUCHED TO EMBASSY, BUT SOME ADDITIONAL INFORMATION NEEDED. WE HAVE CONFLICTING INFORMATION CONCERNING EXPIRATION DATE OF CONCESSION OF SIERRA LEONE CHROME MINES COMPANY, LTD., A SIERRA LEONEAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SUBSIDIARY OF LONDON-BASED NAYLOR-BENZON

AND CO. ONE DOCUMENT DATED 1959 FROM US CONSUL FREETOWN INDICATES SPECIAL EXCLUSIVE PROSPECTING LICENSE TERMINATES

ON JANUARY 1, 1964. U.S. NAVAL INTELLIGENCE REPORT FROM
1943 STATES THAT AN EXCLUSIVE PROSPECTING LICENSE EXTENDS
UNTIL 1989.

IF EMBASSY CAN OBTAIN UNDP GEOLOGICAL SURVEY DONE IN
1972 OR 1973 FROM GOSL GEOLOGICAL SURVEY DEPARTMENT, OR
ANY OTHER RECENT DATA ON CHROMIUM DEPOSITS, OPIC WOULD
APPRECIATE IT.

3. UNLIKELY THAT AMERICAN INVESTOR WOULD BE INTERESTED
IN SHOLE-PRATT ELECTRO-PLASTIC PROJECT, HOWEVER,
DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION ECON/COMMERCIAL OFFICER LARSON
SENT WILL BE KEPT ON FILE FOR POSSIBLE FOLLOW-UP.
DECLASSIFY ON JULY 7, 1976. INGERSOLL

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